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Implementation Committee

Third meeting
Bologna, Italy, 15 May 2014
Item 1 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the third meeting

To be held at the University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy, starting on Thursday, 15 May 2014, at 10 a.m.*

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Implementation Committee under the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes will be invited to adopt the agenda for its third meeting, as set out in the present document.

2. Requests for advice, submissions and Committee initiative

The Committee is expected to consider, in accordance with the relevant procedures set out in decision VI/1 of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention:

(a) Any request for advice by a Party or Parties relating to specific issues concerning difficulties in implementation or application (ECE/MP.WAT/37/Add.2, decision VI/1, annex I, paras. 18–23);

(b) Any submission by Parties relating to specific issues concerning difficulties in implementation and compliance (ibid., paras. 24–27);

(c) Undertaking a Committee initiative (ibid., paras. 28–29).

3. Information gathering

Further to its second meeting, the Committee may wish to consider any information received from Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation regarding transboundary water cooperation in the Irtysh and Ili River Basins.

4. Relevant activities of other bodies under the Convention

The secretariat will brief the Committee on relevant discussions at the nineteenth meeting of the Bureau of the Convention (Geneva, 8 April 2014).

The Committee is expected to discuss the draft analysis on the need for reporting under the Convention, as prepared by the Convention's Bureau, with the help of the secretariat, and to finalize its comments. The Bureau will take into account the Committee's comments in revising the draft analysis for its submission to the ninth meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Water Resources Management (Geneva, 25–26 June 2014).

5. Promotion of the mechanism to facilitate and support implementation and compliance

The Committee will further discuss the modalities for raising awareness about the mechanism to facilitate and support implementation and compliance. The Committee members will report on possible capacity-building measures and opportunities to present the mechanism at various forums and events, as well as the outcomes of such activities undertaken so far. The secretariat will make available to the Committee an introductory presentation on the mechanism.

6. Programme of work and calendar for the next meetings

The Committee will discuss its future programme of work. In particular, it will agree on issues for consideration at its next meetings. The Committee will also agree on the dates of its next meetings.

7. Any other business

The Committee will discuss other matters as proposed by its members.

8. Adoption of the report

The Committee will agree on the modalities for the preparation and adoption of the report on its third meeting.